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Pastor Dennis E. Blalock Appointed to the Board of Commissioners of the Tennessee Human Rights Commission

(Nashville, Tenn., June 2007) Pastor Dennis E. Blalock of Jackson, Tennessee has been appointed to the Board of Commissioners of the Tennessee Human Rights Commission (THRC).

Pastor Blalock, recognized as one of the "Outstanding Young Men of America", has served twenty-four years as the Senior Pastor of the New St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church in Jackson, Tennessee where he focused on religious education, pastoral counseling, and program development.

"I'm pleased with the appointment of Pastor Blalock. I know the Pastor's service to the Commission will be invaluable," said Spencer Wiggins, Chairman of the Board.

Pastor Blalock presently serves as the President of the Tennessee Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention, Inc, and is a member of the Board of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc.

Pastor Blalock believes that his Christian ethics has impacted his potential as a minister, husband, father and leader. He and his wife have three children, Jermaine, Kelsey and Brittany.

The Commission's role, by means of enforcement and education, is to safeguard the citizens of Tennessee from discrimination in the areas of employment, housing, and public accommodations in regard to race, creed, color, religion, sex, disability, age (over 40), national origin, and familial status.

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